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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re: Patent Application of:

Inventors: Ilario Coslovi and James W. Forbes  
Serial No: 09 / 650,388  
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Title: Vehicle Carrying Railroad Car And Bridge Plate Therefor  
Assignee: National Steel Car  
Art Unit: 3617  
Examiner: Frantz F. Jules

**REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

to

**APPLICANT'S APPEAL BRIEF**

To: Mail Stop Appeal Brief- Patents  
The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of December 13, 2004 re-opening prosecution in view of the Appeal Brief filed October 19, 2004, on March 14, 2005, Applicants requested Reinstatement of Applicants' Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences of the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the at least twice rejected claims 3 - 32 in the above-identified patent application.

The Applicants' Brief on Appeal was filed with the requisite filing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(2). The Examiner's Answer was mailed on July 8, 2005. This Reply is filed in rebuttal of that Answer.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

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